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SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUND AVAILABILITIES

REF: BOGOTA 4760

1. MISSION UNDERSTANDS INFORMALLY THAT IAD/W HAS DECIDED TO DEOBLIGATE RESIDUAL UNDISBURSED DOLLARS UNDER LOANS 063,064 AND 065, TOTALLING \$3.6 MILLION, RATHER THAN PERMITTING UTILIZATION OF EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF PESOS IN PROGRAMS DESCRIBED REFTEL. IF THIS INFO CORRECT, MISSION PREPARED TO ADVISE GOC OF AID/W DECISION, BUT WOULD FIRST APPRECIATE AID/W AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE REPROGRAMMING OF AVAILABLE FUNDS UNDER LOANS 066, 067 AND 068 SO AS TO PERMIT EXECUTION AND/OR INITIATION DURING CY 1973 OF SOME OF PRIORITY GOC PROGRAMS, PREVIOUSLY INTENDED FOR FUNDING UNDER RESIDUAL FUNDS; ALL SUCH REPROGRAMMING WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN THROUGH THE SAME IMPLEMENTING AND SUB-IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES SPECIFIED IN THESE LOAN AGREEMENTS AND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THESE LOANS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, IN THE CASE OF THE FOUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE URBAN SECTOR (ITEM 3 OF REFTEL) ALL OF WHICH AID AND GOC CONTINUE TO CONSIDER HIGH PRIORITY, THE REPROGRAMMING WOULD BE FINANCED AS FOLLOWS: WE HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY DISCUSSING WITH THE GOC DDESIRABILITY OF CARRYING OVER INTO CY 1974 APPROX 100 MILLION PESOS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR CY 1973 DISBURSEMENT TO FF DU. WE WOULD REDUCE CARRYOVER BY 30-35 MILLION AND AMEND ANNEX TO 068 LOAN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR EXECUTION DURING CY 1973 OF FOUR ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITIES, SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATING

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SATISFACTORY IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

3. WITH REGARD TO EDUCATION SECTOR, WE WOULD ADVISE GOC OF WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE REPROGRAMMING OF ANNEX TO LOAN 066 SO AS TO PERMIT EXECUTION DURING CY 1973 OF ITEMS 4A,B, F, AND H AS LISTED IN REFTEL AND TOTALLING 7.7 MILLION PESOS. WE BELIEVE PROJECTS D,E, F CAN BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER CURRENT PROGRAM AND FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ICFES, BUT MIGHT HAVE TO GIVE ON ONE OR TWO OF THESE. WE WOULD IN NO CASE AGREE TO PROJECTS C AND G. AS INDICATED IN SECTION IC, PG 25 OF CAP FOR EDUCATION SECTOR LOAN V WE HAD AGREED WITH GOC TO CARRY OVER INTO CY 1974 FORTY MILLION PESOS SCHEDULED FOR CY 1973 DISBURSEMENT UNDER LOAN 066. WE WOULD REDUCE CARRY OVER BETWEEN 28 AND 32 MILLION PESOS AND AMEND ANNEX TO LOAN 066 TO PROVIDE FOR EXECUTION THIS YEAR OF ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITIES.

4. RE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT ALL NEW ACTIVITIES MINAG DESIRED TO INITIATE WITH SUBJECT FUNDS CAN BE EXECUTED UNDER EXISTING AUTHORITY AND FUNDING PER ANNEX TO LOAN 067. CONSEQUENTLY, NO REPROGRAMMING TO TYPE UNDER DISCUSSION REQUIRED FOR THIS SECTOR.

5. BOTH IN CASE OF URBAN AND EDUCATION DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THAT THESE SMALL REDUCTIONS IN CARRY OVERS INTO CY. 1974 WILL SUBSTANTIVELY AFFECT PROGRAM PLANS FOR THE YEAR.

6. AS WE ADVISED REFTEL, GOC BELIEVES THAT ALL PROGRAMS PROPOSED WERE HIGH PRIORITY AND WORTHY OF CY 73 FINANCING. IN SEVERAL CASES GOC HAS MADE COMMITMENTS THAT ACTIVITIES WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. ALTHOUGH WE ADVISED GOC THAT USE OF RESIDUAL FUNDS WAS NOT CERTAIN, THESE COMMITMENTS WERE APPARENTLY MADE DUE TO INTERNAL POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF SPECIFIC PROGRAMS. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE ABOVE COMPROMISE DESIRABLE AND NECESSARY TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO MISSION IN VIEW OF OUR ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THEM TO UNDERTAKE PROGRAMMING EXERCISE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT EXECUTION OF THE ACTIVITIES INDICATED WOULD ADVANCE SECTOR PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. ALSO TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IS FACT THAT IN ADDITION TO \$3.6 MILLION FROM LOANS 063, 064 AND 065, IT APPEARS WE WILL SOON DEOB ADDITIONAL \$1.7 MILLION UNDER LOANS 056 AND 057.

7. REQUEST ADVICE ASAP.
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